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U.S. SENATE

Washington, DC, May 18, 2010.

Hon. KATHLEEN SEBELIUS,
Secretary, Department of Health and Human
Services, Washington, DC.

DEAR SECRETARY SEBELIUS: As a practicing physician and former co-chair of the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV and AIDS, I believe the development of a safe and effective HIV vaccine should be among our nation's highest health care priorities. HIV/AIDS continues to devastate communities in the United States and around the world. In the United States, more than 50,000 people become infected with HIV each year. To date, more than 25 million men, women and children are believed to have died from AIDS worldwide.

During this time of fiscal restraint when our nation is faced with an approximately \$13 trillion national debt and over 1,000 individuals on waiting lists for life-saving HIV/AIDS drug treatments, we must be careful that not a single dollar that could pay off this debt or serve some other vital service—is such as developing an HIV vaccine—is diverted for less important purposes.

According to the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) website, May 18, 2010 marks the thirteenth annual HIV Vaccine Awareness Day: "This annual observance is a day to recognize and thank the thousands of volunteers, community members, health professionals, and scientists who are working together to find a safe and effective HIV vaccine. It is also a day to educate our communities about the importance of preventive HIV vaccine research."

In addition to my concern that these funds are diverted from the more important goals of developing a vaccine or providing care to patients in need, HIV Vaccine Awareness Day has been marked by specific examples of wasteful spending. In the past, related expenditures have included various lunch and dinner receptions, a fashion show in Massachusetts, a bar night in Tennessee, a bar event and entertainment contest in Washington, and other gatherings and media events.

Would you please provide:

(1) The total amount of federal funding that was spent to promote "HIV Awareness Day" in 2010 and for each fiscal year since its inception in 2001, including staff time and travel costs;

(2) If this event is planned for next year please, an estimate of its likely cost;

(3) A list of all organizations that received funding from NIAID as part of "HIV Vaccine Awareness Day" since its inception and a description of the activities performed with these funds; and

(4) The total amount NIH has spent on actual HIV vaccine research in each year from fiscal year 2001 through 2010.

Thank you for your attention to this request. I look forward to a prompt reply.

Sincerely,

SENATOR TOM COBURN, MD.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

REMEMBERING MARGARET JOAN MORGAN FOLEY

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the memory of Margaret Joan Morgan Foley. Mrs. Foley passed away on May 9 at her home in Visalia. She was 87 years old.

Margaret Foley was born in Dawson Springs, KY, on November 5, 1922. After obtaining her registered nursing license at the age of 21 from the Salem School of Nursing, she enlisted in the U.S. Army in the fall of 1943. During World War II, she would serve in the Philippines and Nagasaki, Japan.

Upon her return home, Mrs. Foley settled in Los Angeles where she worked as a surgical nurse at Saint Luke's Hospital. During this period, she met and married James Foley. A person of remarkable character and determination, Mrs. Foley was undeterred by a bout with tuberculosis that required a 23-month stay at a sanitarium in Altadena, as she fought valiantly to full recovery and continued her education at the University of Southern California.

In 1955, the Foleys moved north to Tulare, where Mr. Foley accepted a job as a reporter for the Tulare Advance-Register. Spurred on by a lifelong passion to improve the education, health and welfare of children and the poor, Mrs. Foley generously lent her time and considerable talents to a number of important community causes; the Parent Teacher Association, the Tulare Mental Health Advisory Board, Tulare County Legal Services, Tulare County Health System Agency, and the Porterville State Board Hospital.

In 1969, Mrs. Foley resumed working as a part-time nurse at Kaweah Delta District Hospital. For the next 21 years, she successfully served as a nursing supervisor for neonatal care and eventually becoming the perinatal manager for the hospital until her retirement in 1990.

Mrs. Foley continued her commitment to help those who are less fortunate during her retirement. In 1990, she was elected to the Kaweah Delta Health Care District Board of Directors. For the next 20 years, she would leave an indelible impact on the board through her tenures as its secretary, vice president, and president. As someone who was always willing to lend a helping hand, she also served on the College of the Sequoias Nursing Advisory Committee, the Good Samaritan Board, and as a staff nurse at the Good News Clinic. Mrs. Foley embodied the best ideals of volunteerism and public service.

A person of great warmth and humility, Mrs. Foley was admired by those who knew her for her kindness, compassion and decency. She was the inaugural recipient of the Tulare County Bar Association Liberty Bell Award in 1976, the 1980 Visalia Chamber of Commerce Woman of the Year, 1983 College of the Sequoias Nursing Faculty's Nurse of the Year and, most recently, the 2006 Rose Ann Vuich Ethical Leadership Award, a well-deserved and prestigious award that celebrates excellence and integrity in public service.

Margaret Foley devoted most of her life to making a positive impact on the lives of others. Mrs. Foley's generously gave her boundless compassion and pre-

cious humanity to uplifting and empowering those who are most often neglected in our society: the young and the poor. Mrs. Foley has left behind a legacy of service and the admiration of those whose lives she touched over the years. She will be dearly missed.

Mrs. Foley was preceded in death by her husband Jim; her parents William Roderick and Florence Pugh Morgan; two brothers, Roderick William and John Paul Morgan; and a sister Ann Trader Schweiger. She is survived by her children, James and his wife Penelope Applegarth; John and his wife Anne Bird; Morgan and his wife Sandra Platt; Sara Foley Fox and her husband Michael; and Patricia Foley Teaford and her husband Elliott; seven grandchildren; and two brothers, William Radtke and James Trader. •

TRIBUTE TO UNDERSHERIFF VALERIE HILL

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I am honored to recognize undersheriff Valerie Hill as she retires from the Riverside County Sheriff's Department. Undersheriff Hill, the highest ranking female in law enforcement in Riverside County, has served the people and the county of Riverside for over 30 years.

When Undersheriff Hill joined the Riverside County Sheriff's Department in 1977, she was assigned patrol duties in Lake Elsinore and later worked in the Riverside and Moreno Valley stations. As a sergeant, she served in Corrections and also at the Moreno Valley station. Over the course of her career she has had many other assignments within the Sheriff's Department. As assistant sheriff she was responsible for Corrections Division, Court Services and CAL-ID. Her numerous assignments over the past 30 years have given her the opportunity to become actively involved in the changes occurring in Riverside County.

Undersheriff Hill was the department's first female hostage negotiator, first female field training officer, first female assistant sheriff, and first female undersheriff. She was also one of two individuals instrumental in the development of the Special Enforcement Team (S.E.T.), which is a highly successful enforcement team in Moreno Valley.

Believing that community service extends beyond her duties in the department, Undersheriff Hill serves on numerous boards and committees, which include: Operation SafeHouse (board president), Riverside Area Rape Crisis Center (2006 and 2007 board president), Southern California Jail Managers Association (2006 president), YWCA (Evening of Achievement chairperson), and is an active member of the Kiwanis Club of Riverside. She volunteers two Sunday evenings a month through her church at a "hot meal" program that feeds the needy. She believes "We make a living by what we get but, we make a life by what we give."

Undersheriff Hill was honored by the YWCA in 2002 as a Woman of Achievement and in 2004 by the Inland Empire Magazine as a "Woman Who Makes a Difference." In 2005 she was presented the Gold Key Award by Soroptimist International and in 2007 she was presented the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Law Enforcement Appreciation Committee (LEAC).

It is my pleasure to recognize Undersheriff Valerie Hill as she prepares to retire from the Riverside County Sheriff's Department, though I hope she continues her fine service to her community.●

TRIBUTE TO ADMIRAL THAD W. ALLEN

● Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, today I wish to talk about the U.S. Coast Guard and to recognize the 39 years of exemplary service, dedication and leadership that ADM Thad W. Allen has given to the U.S. Coast Guard and the Nation.

Since 1790, the U.S. Coast Guard has been America's Maritime Guardian; the sentinel of the sea, determined to protect the safety and security of the maritime industry. As a multimission military service, the U.S. Coast Guard is unlike any other military branch in the world. The Coast Guard is the fifth branch of the U.S. Armed Forces, the largest component of the Department of Homeland Security, a member of the National Intelligence Community, and the lead U.S. representative at the International Maritime Organization. The Coast Guard is the Nation's oldest, continuous seagoing service and has fought in every major armed conflict the Nation has faced. The service embodies their motto—*Semper Paratus*—Always Ready. Here to protect and serve; ready to rescue, the Coast Guard routinely is at its best when weather conditions are at their worst. Coast Guard servicemen and women throughout the Nation routinely exhibit selfless sacrifice and enduring service, traits that are exuded by their Commandant, ADM Thad Allen.

Throughout his long and distinguished career, those who have been able to observe and admire Admiral Allen's devotion to the Coast Guard, have been nothing short of inspired by his honesty, integrity, determination, and calming influence even in the face of an impending disaster. We all remember the leadership that Admiral Allen demonstrated as he led the Coast Guard in efforts to secure ports along the Atlantic seaboard after the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. Several years later, Admiral Allen was again in the national spotlight while serving as the principal Federal official for the response and recovery efforts in the wake of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Through his leadership and the heroic efforts of the men and women of the Coast Guard, over 33,500 gulf coast residents were rescued from their rooftops and flood homes, which included

the rescuing of 24,135 people that were saved from eminent peril and the evacuation of 9,409 medical patients to safety. Most recently, Admiral Allen was selected by the Obama administration to be the national incident coordinator, a role that makes him responsible to oversee the Federal response to the Deepwater Horizon oilspill in the Gulf of Mexico.

I have been fortunate enough to work with Admiral Allen on so many issues, including one we are both passionate about, the Arctic. Through his leadership and direction, the Coast Guard is evaluating their role in the Arctic and providing the strongest voice for the strategic and geopolitical importance of the region. Through his astute mind and unrelenting commitment to the betterment of this Nation, Admiral Allen has been an unwavering champion for an expanded U.S. role and presence in the Arctic. While many will argue that as ice recedes in the Arctic, so do the dangers and a Coast Guard presence in the region is not needed. Unfortunately the opposite is true. As the Arctic ice recedes, more commercial shipping, cruise ships and energy companies are increasing their presence, and as a larger contiguous zone and exclusive economic zone are revealed as the ice recedes, the more the jurisdiction of the Coast Guard expands. Admiral Allen, while not engaging in the debate surrounding climate change, clearly understands that more ice-free ocean in the Arctic region means more area that the Coast Guard is responsible for in the Arctic. By championing the National Security Presidential Directive on the Arctic, Admiral Allen was able to host a trip of Bush administration officials to the Arctic so that they were able to see and understand first-hand the conditions and operational challenges that exist in this vast and remote region.

It has been a great honor to have served alongside Admiral Allen and the Coast Guard during his time as Commandant. I have no doubt that he will continue to serve this Nation as a private citizen after his retirement from the service. He has left the Coast Guard on more sound and stable footing than he found it and has been the reassuring face of so many historic events. I, along with the Coast Guard and the Nation, will surely miss him. In the fine tradition of the sea-going services, I wish him "Fair Winds and Following Seas."●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations

which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-5866. A communication from the Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Olives Grown in California; Increased Assessment Rate" (Docket Nos. AMS-FV-09-0089; FV10-932-1 FR) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 13, 2010; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5867. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled

"a-[p-(1,1,3,3-Tetramethylbutyl)phenyl]-w-hydroxypoly(oxyethylene); Time-Limited Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 8824-3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 14, 2010; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5868. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled

"a-(p-Nonylphenol)-w-hydroxypoly(oxyethylene) Sulfate and Phosphate Esters; Time-Limited Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 8826-3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 14, 2010; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5869. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Steel for Military Construction Projects" (DFARS Case 2008-D038) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 13, 2010; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5870. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Competition Requirements for Purchases from Federal Prison Industries" (DFARS Case 2008-D015) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 13, 2010; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5871. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Government Rights on the Design of Department of Defense Vessels" (DFARS Case 2008-D039) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 13, 2010; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5872. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the Authorization for Validated